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### **Resolution**

## **Support for Merit Curriculum Adjustments to Support Career and Technical Education**

### ***House Bill 4465& House Bill 4466***

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing, while in decline in certain areas of Michigan and the United States, is still a critical base industry that provides high quality jobs with comparatively high levels of compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Peninsula economy is shifting with manufacturers adopting modern manufacturing techniques to maintain their competitiveness in a global economy; and


**WHEREAS**, skilled workers are now and will continue to be in demand by manufacturers to support business growth and attrition of the workforce through retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the secondary education system has traditionally played a significant role in workforce preparation of youth and young adults to prepare for employment and further education to acquire needed skills for employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Michigan Merit curriculum has presented new challenges for education providers and students, which has created fewer opportunities for career and technical education within secondary education; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the UP Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) supports the Upper Peninsula Regional Industrial Manufacturing Skills Alliance in their efforts to support legislation and rule changes that will modify and enhance the Michigan Merit curriculum in a way that better provides opportunities for education to provide, and students to access secondary career and technical education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the UPACC supports H.B. 4465 and H.B. 4466 in order to support the Upper Peninsula Regional Industrial Manufacturing Skills Alliance in their efforts to modify the Michigan Merit curriculum.

  
Jonathan Mead, Secretary  
UPACC